

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 483

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Redfern family upon being named 2015 Master Loggers of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the Redfern family name is synonymous with logging north of Nashville, as four generations of Redferns have evidenced a strong commitment to responsible stewardship of the land as hard working loggers since 1940; and

WHEREAS, hailing from the Cedar Hill community of Robertson County, the five members of the Redfern family presently engaged in logging were named the 2015 Loggers of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association (TFA); and

WHEREAS, Michael Redfern and his sons, Justin and Jonathan, are the mainstays of the family business, while Michael's wife, Tina, and Justin's wife, Lauren, are also vital components in making Redfern Logging successful; and

WHEREAS, the Redferns mostly log in upland hardwood stands, harvesting high quality hardwoods, which include white oak veneer and walnut; and

WHEREAS, Michael Redfern, his sons, his uncles, and his cousins are long-time members of the TFA, and members of the Redfern family were some of the first loggers to complete the Master Logger Program; and

WHEREAS, the Redfern family has been recognized for their logging tradition via an article in *Southern Logging Times*; National Public Radio featured Redfern Logging in a

broadcast discussing the challenges of keeping the younger generation as part of the family business; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kerry Roberts has stated: “I am so happy to recommend Michael and his family to be chosen as Tennessee Master Loggers of the Year. Michael and his sons have such a great reputation for their work in the woods, their dedication to the community, and for their commitment to church and family. I am honored to support the selection of the Redferns as Tennessee Master Loggers of the Year.”; and

WHEREAS, the Redfern loggers are conscientious stewards of the land, and workplace safety, resource management, complying with best management practices and water quality standards, and preserving wildlife habitat and scenic beauty are of paramount importance to them, in addition to the customer satisfaction and economic benefit aspects of logging; and

WHEREAS, in the civic arena, Michael Redfern is a Master Mason in Red River Masonic Lodge #537 and two-time Past Master and previously served as a commissioner in Cedar Hill government; and

WHEREAS, the Redfern family members are very active in Cedar Hill Baptist Church, where Michael serves as a Deacon; he and Tina are known for their generosity, as they often provide firewood and food donations to help less fortunate people in the community; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Tina Redfern help the homeless by donating time and money to the Nashville Rescue Mission, and they also support St. Jude Children’s Hospital and the Open Door Pregnancy Center in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, Justin and Jonathan Redfern have been a major part of disaster relief efforts in several locations across the country, and Redfern Logging also sponsors a local softball team each year; and

WHEREAS, since 1940, the Redfern family has been the public face of logging in northern Middle Tennessee, and today, Michael, Justin, and Jonathan Redfern remain wholly committed to professionalism in their industry as Master Loggers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Redfern family on being named 2015 Master Loggers of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.